

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules	)	WT Docket No. 01-
	309	
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones	)	RM-8658

**Hearing Aid Compatibility Report**

Thumb Cellular LLC ("Reporter"), a digital wireless service provider, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission" or "FCC") *Order* in WT Docket No. 07-309, FCC 03-168, 29 CR 1299 (August 14, 2003), hereby files a report concerning the availability of digital phones for the hearing impaired. This report does not address the reporting requirements of the *Order* which are properly addressed by handset manufacturers who are in the best position to report about their own activities.

**I. Carrier Information**

Reporter is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides service in Michigan. Since the last report Reporter has received one request for a HAC handset. Subscriber advised that equipment is not yet available, but that Reporter would advise when compatible handsets are available.

**II. Handset Discussion**

Reporter has researched information for various manufacturers including Motorola, Nokia, LG, and Kyocera regarding hearing impaired phones. It appears that some phones are available, but the manufacturers continue to test looking toward

the September 2005 compliance deadline. It is Reporter's understanding that none of the phones which Reporter is able to obtain at this time from its distributors would meet the FCC's hearing aid compatibility requirements. Most of the digital phones Reporter sells are now TTY/TDD compliant, but the literature associated with the phones indicates that the phones may interfere with hearing aids and direct the user experiencing any problem to the hearing aid manufacturer or distributor.

### **III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement**

None of Reporter's handsets have a label attached on the handset or included in the packaging which discusses the U-rating system.

### **IV. Outreach Efforts & Interoperability**

Reporter intends to educate its subscribers, and potential subscribers, about the service when the phones become available to Report for retail distribution. The lack of availability precludes testing compatible phones on our system.

Respectfully Submitted,

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